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VULTURE Caching Methods

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1. It is our general opinion that underground caching involves too many problems such as: laborious preparation; inconvenient (to the agent) removal; hazardous recaching; and the great risk of communications equipment deteriorating due to natural elements. Since Washington and the field have come to the unanimous conclusion that the KIBITZ-10 garden house provides a good alternative to the standard practice of caching equipment underground, we would like to request your approval for similar caching methods which would obviate the above-mentioned handicaps and the time consuming task of re-examining each burial after a few months underground. We wish to standardize KIBITZ caches to above-ground caches, excepting only secondary or reserve units for ready W/T agents and blind burials.

2. The undersigned has had several meetings with various KIBITZ agents concerning caching methods, locations, etc. Their thoughts are approximately parallel to ours. Some of the plans include:

- a. Radio and equipment concealed between the floors of houses. (Walls are unsuitable in most German houses because they are usually solid masonry).
- b. A built-in room large enough to accommodate a cache plus radio man and assistant for on-the-air contacts. This would usually be off a cellar and would involve excavation.
- c. An excavated area in the basement large enough for the radio ~~man~~.
- d. Radio and equipment compartments built into couches, overstuffed chairs, etc.
- e. Radio and equipment concealed in fireplaces and/or chimneys.
- f. Radio and equipment concealed in roof-tops together with a room living room built in unfinished attics

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which would serve as a transmitting site with the antennae built either between the floors or around the eaves.

g. Caches built into outbuildings -- barns, garages, garden houses, etc. -- where possible.

3. KIBITZ-150 is very interested in the construction of a concealed room which would be utilized for agent broadcasts. He considers a small room a more important factor than merely an excavated area for concealing a complete W/T unit which would have to be removed from its hiding place for each radio contact and then recached in same place. His idea of a concealed room measuring approximately 2 meters long, 1.80 meters high and 1.50 or more meters wide, would be similar to that of the present KIBITZ-10 garden house. A basement room adjoining this radio room would have brick walls which could be constructed to hide a small entrance (made by removable bricks) only large enough for the operator and/or assistant to crawl through. The entrance could be sealed with putty after each entrance and reopened simply by pulling out the necessary cluster of bricks.

4. KIBITZ-127 (our Schreinermeister) was consulted regarding his knowledge of reworking a couch to conceal a complete W/T unit in a sofa, overstuffed chair or some other Möbelstück. This, if done well, could be very secure and convenient to the operator; could be transported to any agent complete; and would defeat the hazardous underground burial features. The maximum cost of a couch completed for a cache would approximately be 600.00 DM (\$130.00).

5. We hereby request approval for the expenditure of not more than \$250.00 or its equivalent for caches of the type outlined in a,b,c,d,e,f,g of paragraph 2 above. These caches will be examined and approved individually by the undersigned and Howard G. Scatchard. Such expenditures can be covered by present KIBITZ funds. In caches of more expensive nature (b, paragraph 2 above), your specific approval would be requested. Your sustained cooperation will greatly accelerate the KIBITZ caching program.

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